

*ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee*

Tuesday September 5, 2017 5:00 PM

**Committee Members Present:** Chairman Don Griffin, Pat Donahue, Merlin Hageman, Terry Schuster, Erin Folk, Rebecca Hazzard, and Ryan Hopper.

**Absent:** Tom Mahoney and John VonTish.

**Also, present:** Mayor-Ken Williams and City Clerk- Charlene Ruthe.

Chairman Don Griffin called the meeting to order. He welcomed new member Ryan Hopper and thanked him for being on the committee. Also, Terrance Raper was hired to replace Sam Anderson. He is attending Sauk Valley College and works at the Regan Home in Dixon.

**Minutes:** Pat Donahue moved to approve the August 1, 2017 minutes, seconded by Ryan Hopper.

Motion carried. No Nays.

**Budget:** Working with the Park District on a grant for a trail to be put in on River Road from city limits to Lowden State Park.

**Stone Gate Subdivision**

Rebecca announced the single-family home they are building now is sold and she is showing one of the duplexes this week. Working on the covenants for the subdivision.

**TIF District:** Nothing new to report.

**Riverfront Zone:** Nothing new to report.

**Website:** Terry printed out activity on the website. Hits are coming in from Chicago, Rockford & DeKalb. Working on Facebook links hope to update them each month with activities going on in the area.

**Marketing Plan Update:** Terrance met with Terry and Mayor this past week. Working on a brochure, rack card, and a list and pictures of the commercial buildings available in town.

**County Enterprise Zone:** Five communities have commented to joining. Next meeting will be October 17<sup>th</sup>. Working on finalizing the areas that will be in the enterprise zone.

Ken's Action items have been taken care of, however still need to work on recruitment.

**Oregon Together:** Number of attendees was down for block party August 27<sup>th</sup>. Will be working with Western Illinois for support in marketing our area.

Mayor Ken Williams is working with KSB Clinic to have an after-hour clinic. He feels with sporting events, campers, and industry it would be nice to have something here in town rather than travel to another community.

The Chamber of Commerce will be moving into the old Midland States Bank Building at 122 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Meeting adjourned.

Adjourned at 5:52 PM

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe